



Utah Labor Market Report

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Current Indicators

Utah's unemployment rate of 5.3 percent for September rose from the 5.0 percent reported in the previous month. This continues a year-long trend of the rate hovering in the low to mid 5 percent range. Utah's job market largely remains in a catatonic state. This situation will persist until the fundamental imbalances in the national economy have stabilized. Currently, we see little on the horizon that will stimulate a rapid improvement nationally, and as a result, we expect the job market to be sluggish. Through the rest of 2002, the unemployment rate in Utah will hover between 5 and 6 percent.

Utah's other primary indicator of current labor market conditions, the year-over change in the number of nonfarm wage and salaried jobs, continues to show losses, though the rate of decline has slowed. The number of Utah jobs in September is down 16,000, or 1.5 percent as compared to that reported in September 2001. August's employment growth measurement has been revised upward from its preliminary -1.9 percent, now registering -1.8 percent.

Nationally, the unemployment rate for September 2002 was 5.6 percent, a slight decrease from August's 5.7 percent. The number of person's unemployed remained at 8.1 million. U.S. non-farm employment continued its downward trend in September 2002, falling 0.7 percent. The nation's employment situation has been in decline since September 2001. However, the rate of decline has slowed as the recovery slowly creeps forward.

Industry-by-Industry

While not surprising, the construction industry recorded the highest level of job losses among Utah's major industries. The 68,800 workers in the construction industry represent a drop of 6,100 from a year ago.

Manufacturing, which employs over 120,000 workers, lost 5,100 year-over jobs in September, a 4.1 percent decrease. Nationally, manufacturing has suffered through a three-year slump, and Utah's industry has followed suit. One item to note is that the rate of job losses in this industry has slowed significantly since the beginning of 2002, when more than 8,000 jobs were lost.

Trade, Utah's second largest industry for employment with 246,500 workers, shed 4,700 jobs as well. Though consumer spending has been sustained during this recession, much of the spending has been related to the purchase of "big-ticket" items, mainly automobiles and housing. This has left less disposable income available for other consumable goods, particularly for luxury or "high-end goods."

Another Utah industry, transportation/communications/utilities (T.C.U.), has also borne the brunt of this recession. In September T.C.U., shed 3,000 jobs, a year-over drop of 4.9 percent. Communications, utilities and trucking have all experienced decreases in employment.

The bursting of the stock market bubble is beginning to take its toll on the finance/insurance/real estate (F.I.R.E.) industry as well. The year-over 700 jobs lost in September of 2002 are a 1.2 percent decline. The health of the real estate market has kept jobs in this sector from sliding farther.

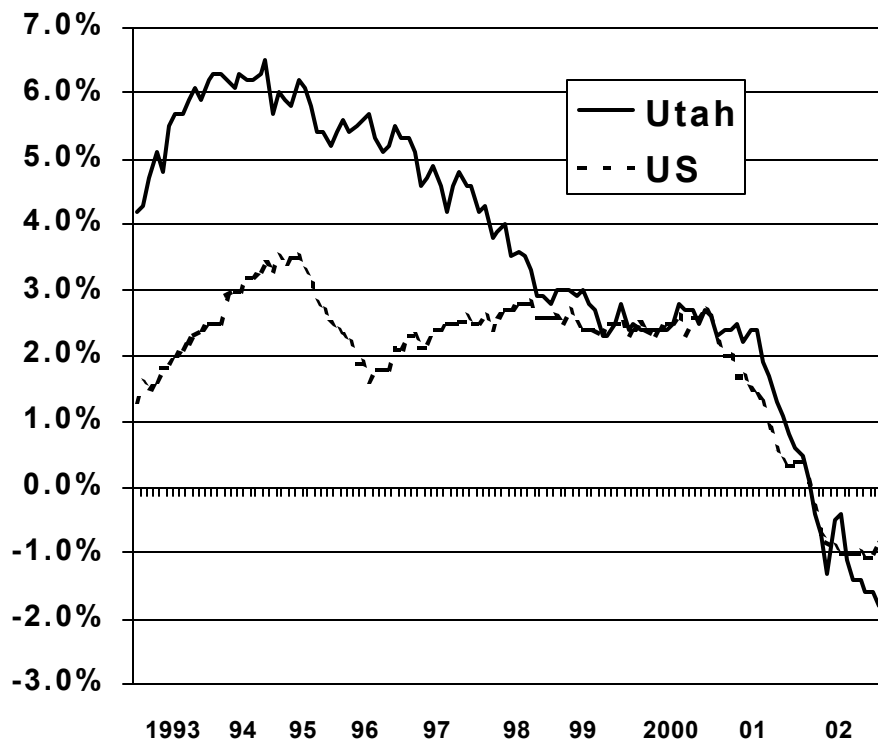
Is there any positive news? Yes, Utah's services industry, the largest with 317,700 workers, eked out 1,300 more jobs in September. Personal services, amusement/recreation, management, and health services showed employment gains. Computer services, which have seen steady job losses, continued that trend in September. Services also received its traditional boost with the

beginning of a new school year as private education establishment's added workers.

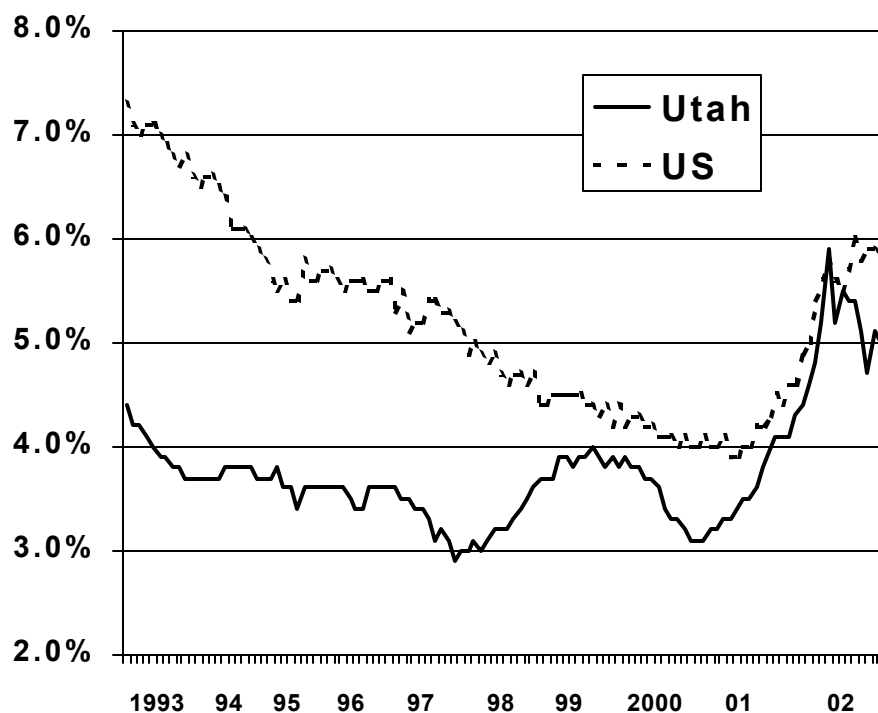
A new school year was also a major factor in government adding 2,900 jobs. Overall, the increases are in federal and local governments. State government jobs declined as a result of budgetary belt tightening.

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Year-Over Percent Change in Nonfarm Jobs



Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates



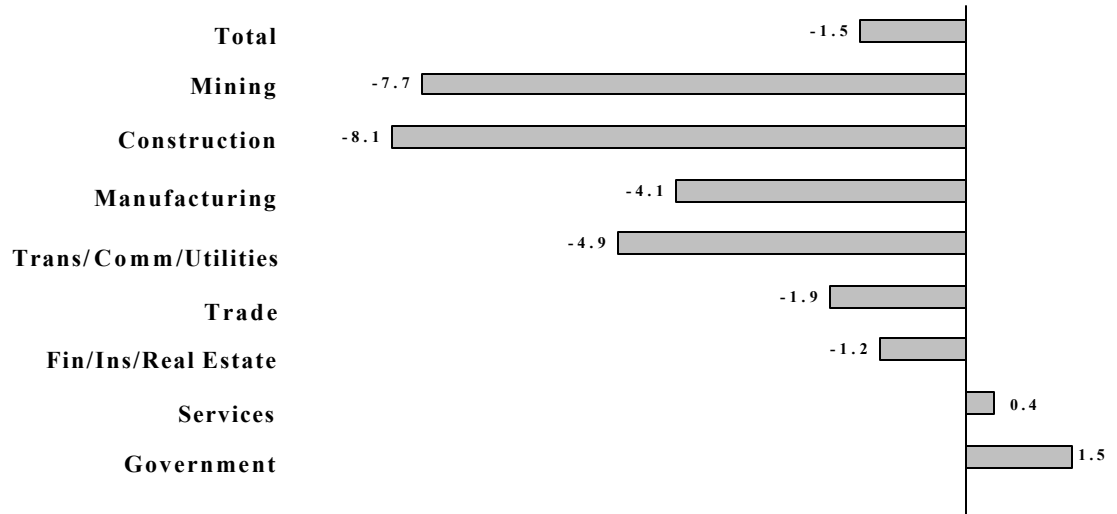
Utah Nonagricultural Jobs by Industry and Components of the Labor Force

Numbers are in thousands and are not seasonally adjusted.	Sept. (p)	Sept.	Percentage	August (r)	August	Percentage
	2002	2001	Change	2002	2001	Change
CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE	1,140.5	1,119.6	1.9	1,154.8	1,126.1	2.5
Employed	1,083.2	1,070.8	1.2	1,092.5	1,072.5	1.9
Unemployed	57.3	48.8	17.4	62.3	53.6	16.2
Unemployment Rate	5.0	4.4		5.4	4.8	
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	1,072.4	1,088.4	-1.5	1,059.3	1,079.0	-1.8
Mining	7.2	7.8	-7.7	7.3	8.1	-9.9
Metal Mining	1.8	2.0	-10.0	1.8	2.0	-10.0
Bituminous Coal Mining	1.4	1.3	7.7	1.4	1.5	-6.7
Other Mining	4.0	4.5	-11.1	4.1	4.6	-10.9
Construction	68.8	74.9	-8.1	69.2	76.3	-9.3
Manufacturing	120.6	125.7	-4.1	120.5	126.6	-4.8
Durable Goods	80.0	83.2	-3.8	80.0	83.7	-4.4
Primary Metals	4.2	5.6	-25.0	4.2	5.6	-25.0
Fabricated Metals, Machinery, & Computers	18.5	20.6	-10.2	18.5	20.9	-11.5
Electrical/Electric Equipment (ex. Computers)	7.7	8.3	-7.2	7.8	8.4	-7.1
Transportation Equipment	12.7	13.8	-8.0	12.7	13.9	-8.6
Other Durable Goods	36.9	34.9	5.7	36.8	34.9	5.4
Non-durable Goods	40.6	42.5	-4.5	40.5	42.9	-5.6
Food & Kindred Products	12.7	13.0	-2.3	12.7	13.1	-3.1
Other Non-durable Goods	27.9	29.5	-5.4	27.8	29.8	-6.7
Transportation, Communication, & Utilities	57.9	60.9	-4.9	57.9	60.9	-4.9
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.9	-5.3	1.8	1.9	-5.3
Trucking & Warehouse	19.5	20.8	-6.3	19.4	20.7	-6.3
Transportation by Air	15.0	15.0	0.0	15.1	15.1	0.0
Other Transportation & Related Services	5.0	5.4	-7.4	5.0	5.4	-7.4
Communications	9.9	10.9	-9.2	9.9	10.9	-9.2
Electricity, Gas, & Sanitary Services	6.7	6.9	-2.9	6.7	6.9	-2.9
Trade	246.5	251.2	-1.9	247.7	252.7	-2.0
Wholesale Trade	50.1	50.7	-1.2	50.4	51.1	-1.4
Retail Trade	196.4	200.5	-2.0	197.3	201.6	-2.1
Food Stores	29.6	30.4	-2.6	30.0	30.7	-2.3
Auto Dealers/Parts Stores, & Gas Stations	24.6	23.5	4.7	24.6	23.7	3.8
Eating & Drinking Places	65.9	67.0	-1.6	66.1	67.2	-1.6
Home Furniture/Equipment & Clothing Stores	19.5	19.6	-0.5	19.6	19.9	-1.5
Gen. Merchandise, Building & Garden Supply	31.6	34.3	-7.9	31.7	34.7	-8.6
Miscellaneous Retail	25.2	25.7	-1.9	25.3	25.4	-0.4
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	59.6	60.3	-1.2	59.7	60.5	-1.3
Depository Institutions	16.9	17.5	-3.4	16.9	17.5	-3.4
Other Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	42.7	42.8	-0.2	42.8	43.0	-0.5
Services	317.7	316.4	0.4	317.0	316.8	0.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	18.0	18.7	-3.7	18.5	19.4	-4.6
Personal, Entertainment & Recreational	34.3	32.8	4.6	36.6	34.1	7.3
Computer-Related Business Services	24.8	26.4	-6.1	24.9	26.9	-7.4
Other Business Services	58.0	59.0	-1.7	57.8	59.7	-3.2
Auto Repair/Rental/Parking	11.1	11.6	-4.3	11.1	11.8	-5.9
Health Services	70.6	68.5	3.1	70.5	68.4	3.1
Education, Social, & Membership Organizations	58.0	56.7	2.3	54.4	53.0	2.6
Legal & Miscellaneous Services	6.2	6.3	-1.6	6.3	6.4	-1.6
Engineering, Accounting & Management	25.6	24.8	3.2	25.6	25.1	2.0
Other Repair, Ag. Services, & Museums	11.1	11.6	-4.3	11.3	12.0	-5.8
Government	194.1	191.2	1.5	180.0	177.1	1.6
Federal Government	35.0	34.5	1.4	35.4	34.6	2.3
U.S. Defense	14.5	14.1	2.8	14.6	14.2	2.8
Other Federal	20.5	20.4	0.5	20.8	20.4	2.0
State Government	59.5	59.9	-0.7	56.3	56.7	-0.7
State Schools	33.4	32.1	4.0	30.2	28.8	4.9
Other State	26.1	27.8	-6.1	26.1	27.9	-6.5
Local Government	99.6	96.8	2.9	88.3	85.8	2.9
Local Education	58.1	57.1	1.8	46.1	45.5	1.3
Other Local	41.5	39.7	4.5	42.2	40.3	4.7
Private Sector	878.3	897.2	-2.1	879.3	901.9	-2.5

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information; 10/30/02.

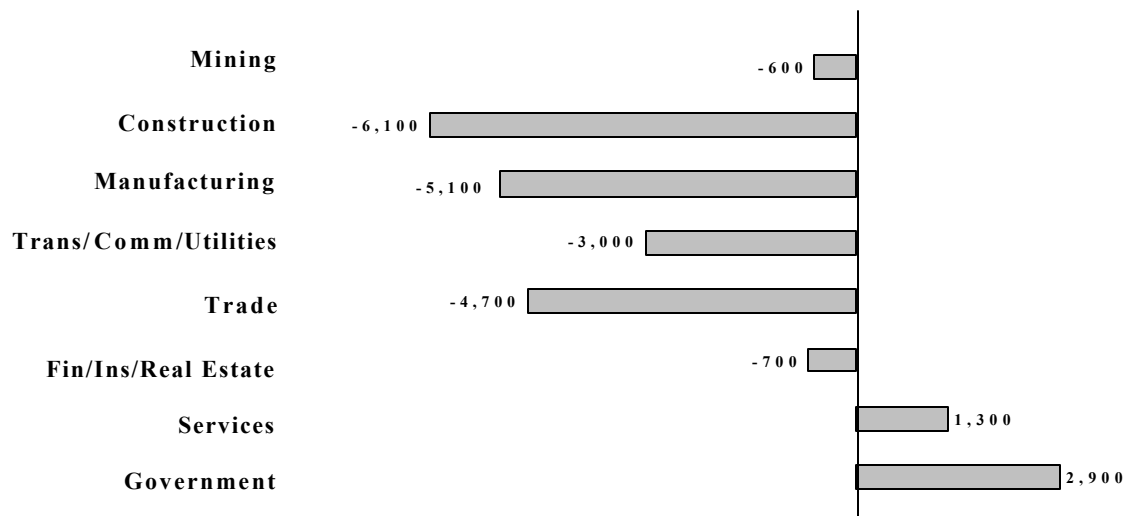
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Utah Nonfarm Job Growth (Percent Change) September 2001 – 2002



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

Utah Nonfarm Employment Changes September 2001 – 2002



Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services

**NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY and COMPONENTS OF THE LABOR FORCE
OF UTAH'S METROPOLITAN AREAS**

Numbers are in thousands, <u>not seasonally adjusted.</u>	Salt Lake City - Ogden MSA					Provo - Orem MSA				
	September 2002(p)	2001	Percent Change	Aug. 2002(p)	July 2002(p)	September 2002(p)	2001	Percent Change	Aug. 2002(p)	July 2002(p)
Civilian Labor Force	724.4	710.3	2.0	737.7	741.2	176.4	174.0	1.4	175.1	175.2
Employed	686.7	678.3	1.2	697.3	700.5	168.4	167.4	0.6	166.2	166.2
Unemployed	37.7	32.0	17.8	40.4	40.6	8.0	6.6	21.2	8.9	8.9
Unemployment Rate	5.2	4.5	--	5.5	5.5	4.5	3.8	--	5.1	5.1
Total Nonagricultural Employment	710.4	720.7	-1.4	707.5	706.7	152.8	155.6	-1.8	148.0	147.1
Mining	2.2	2.6	-15.4	2.2	2.3	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Construction	44.7	47.9	-6.7	44.9	44.4	10.8	11.2	-3.6	11.0	11.1
Manufacturing	76.1	79.5	-4.3	76.2	76.0	17.5	18.8	-6.9	17.3	17.1
Durable Goods	51.4	54.2	-5.2	51.4	51.3	10.0	11.0	-9.1	9.9	9.7
Non-durable Goods	24.7	25.3	-2.4	24.8	24.7	7.5	7.8	-3.8	7.4	7.4
Trans., Comm., & Utilities	45.7	47.8	-4.4	45.7	45.7	2.5	2.6	-3.8	2.5	2.5
Trade	163.6	166.3	-1.6	164.3	163.6	33.2	33.6	-1.2	33.1	32.8
Wholesale Trade	39.4	39.9	-1.3	39.7	39.6	5.4	5.5	-1.8	5.4	5.4
Retail Trade	124.2	126.4	-1.7	124.6	124.0	27.8	28.1	-1.1	27.7	27.4
Finance, Insur., & Real Estate	49.0	49.4	-0.8	49.3	49.0	5.1	5.0	2.0	5.1	5.1
Services	206.9	205.7	0.6	208.4	207.4	62.1	62.7	-1.0	59.6	59.7
Government	122.2	121.5	0.6	116.5	118.3	21.5	21.6	-0.5	19.3	18.5
Federal Government	28.3	27.3	3.7	28.5	28.7	1.1	1.2	-8.3	1.1	1.2
State Government	41.0	41.2	-0.5	39.5	39.4	5.7	5.8	-1.7	5.2	5.1
Local Government	52.9	53.0	-0.2	48.5	50.2	14.7	14.6	0.7	13.0	12.2
Private Sector	588.2	599.2	-1.8	591.0	588.4	131.3	134.0	-2.0	128.7	128.6

Notes: The Salt Lake City-Ogden Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) is comprised of Salt Lake, Davis, and Weber counties.

The Provo-Orem MSA is Utah County.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information, 10/30/02.

HOURS AND EARNINGS - UTAH

Hours and Earnings for Production and Nonsupervisory Personnel

	Average Hourly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Weekly Earnings			
	September		% Chg.	August 2002(r)	September		% Chg.	August 2002(r)	September		% Chg.	August 2002(r)
	2002(p)	2001			2002(p)	2001			2002(p)	2001		
Mining	\$17.87	\$19.12	-6.5	\$17.31	51.0	43.1	18.3	49.7	\$911.37	\$824.07	10.6	\$860.31
Metal Mining	19.61	19.08	2.8	20.04	48.5	44.5	9.0	46.7	951.09	849.06	12.0	935.87
Manufacturing	14.59	13.97	4.4	14.28	38.6	38.9	-0.8	38.8	563.17	543.43	3.6	554.06
Durable Goods	15.35	14.60	5.1	14.99	38.7	38.7	0.0	38.7	594.05	565.02	5.1	580.11
Primary Metals	23.79	22.40	6.2	24.11	40.7	42.9	-5.1	41.1	968.25	960.96	0.8	990.92
Fabricated Metal Prod. & Mach.	15.80	14.96	5.6	15.06	36.8	35.9	2.5	35.8	581.44	537.06	8.3	539.15
Transportation Equipment	20.46	17.66	15.9	18.63	37.4	40.4	43.1	40.2	765.20	713.46	7.3	748.93
Nondurable Goods	12.89	12.59	2.4	12.69	38.3	39.2	-2.3	39.1	493.69	493.53	0.0	496.18
Food and Kindred Products	12.64	11.92	6.0	12.14	39.4	40.7	-3.2	41.0	498.02	485.14	2.7	497.74
Trade	12.07	11.09	8.8	11.64	29.9	30.0	-0.3	29.9	360.89	332.70	8.5	348.04
Wholesale	15.35	14.10	8.9	14.71	42.0	40.3	4.2	41.4	644.70	568.23	13.5	608.99
Retail	10.92	10.11	8.0	10.58	27.1	27.7	-2.2	27.3	295.93	280.05	5.7	288.83
General Merchandise	10.49	9.66	8.6	10.35	30.3	29.6	2.4	29.9	317.85	285.94	11.2	309.47
Food Stores	11.24	11.19	0.4	11.24	28.9	29.5	-2.0	29.6	324.84	330.11	-1.6	332.70

HOURS AND EARNINGS - Salt Lake City - Ogden MSA

	Average Hourly Earnings				Average Weekly Hours				Average Weekly Earnings			
	September		% Chg.	August 2002(r)	September		% Chg.	August 2002(r)	September		% Chg.	August 2002(r)
	2002(p)	2001			2002(p)	2001			2002(p)	2001		
Mining	\$19.97	\$19.04	4.9	\$20.13	46.7	41.7	12.0	45.4	\$932.60	\$793.97	17.5	\$913.90
Manufacturing	14.78	13.83	6.9	14.56	36.9	36.9	0.0	36.7	545.38	510.33	6.9	534.35
Durable Goods	15.03	13.73	9.5	14.73	36.3	35.8	1.4	36.1	545.59	491.53	11.0	531.75
Nondurable Goods	14.24	14.04	1.4	14.18	38.2	39.5	-3.3	38.1	543.97	554.58	-1.9	540.26
Trade	12.51	11.55	8.3	11.97	30.7	30.6	0.3	30.7	384.06	353.43	8.7	367.48
Wholesale	15.52	14.37	8.0	14.91	41.5	39.6	4.8	40.4	644.08	569.05	13.2	602.36
Retail	11.22	10.43	7.6	10.76	27.6	28.0	-1.4	28.0	309.67	292.04	6.0	301.28

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information.

NONFARM EMPLOYMENT IN UTAH'S COUNTIES

	Sept. 2002(p)	Sept. 2001	Percent Change	August 2002(r)	July 2002(r)
State Total	1,072,400	1,088,533	-1.5	1,059,400	1,056,300
Bear River	59,401	60,842	-2.4	57,273	56,700
Box Elder	17,146	17,529	-2.2	17,036	17,040
Cache	41,587	42,655	-2.5	39,459	38,870
Rich	667	658	1.4	779	791
Wasatch Front	723,796	734,303	-1.4	720,674	719,886
North	177,950	177,666	0.2	178,374	178,584
Davis	90,448	89,006	1.6	91,104	90,921
Morgan	1,633	1,667	-2.0	1,600	1,582
Weber	85,869	86,993	-1.3	85,670	86,081
South	545,846	556,637	-1.9	542,300	541,302
Salt Lake	534,083	544,807	-2.0	530,726	529,698
Tooele	11,763	11,830	-0.6	11,575	11,604
Mountainland	172,457	175,571	-1.8	167,545	166,607
Summit	14,695	14,798	-0.7	14,823	14,535
Utah	152,800	155,819	-1.9	147,900	147,100
Wasatch	4,962	4,954	0.2	4,822	4,972
Central	21,698	22,173	-2.1	20,925	20,904
Juab	2,635	2,712	-2.8	2,651	2,650
Millard	3,611	3,541	2.0	3,408	3,457
Piute	237	277	-14.3	240	251
Sanpete	6,670	6,983	-4.5	6,183	6,122
Sevier	7,366	7,420	-0.7	7,278	7,221
Wayne	1,178	1,240	-5.0	1,164	1,202
Southwestern	58,744	58,570	0.3	57,525	57,308
Beaver	1,866	1,858	0.4	1,878	1,894
Garfield	2,239	2,522	-11.2	2,292	2,223
Iron	14,399	14,281	0.8	13,744	13,746
Kane	2,703	3,197	-15.5	2,692	2,694
Washington	37,538	36,712	2.2	36,919	36,752
Uintah Basin	15,374	16,034	-4.1	14,865	14,643
Daggett	530	516	2.6	548	559
Duchesne	5,207	5,191	0.3	5,199	5,178
Uintah	9,638	10,327	-6.7	9,118	8,907
Southeastern	20,930	21,040	-0.5	20,593	20,251
Carbon	9,186	9,053	1.5	8,795	8,360
Emery	3,264	3,460	-5.7	3,376	3,361
Grand	4,515	4,622	-2.3	4,573	4,638
San Juan	3,964	3,905	1.5	3,850	3,892
Salt Lake-Ogden MSA	710,400	720,806	-1.4	707,500	706,700

p = preliminary r = revised but not final.

Note: Numbers have been left unrounded for convenience rather than to denote accuracy.

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Workforce Information, 10/30/02.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

	September 2002 (p)	August 2002 (r)	July 2002(r)	September 2001(r)
State Total	5.3	5.0	5.2	4.6
Bear River	4.4	4.2	4.2	3.9
Box Elder	5.8	5.4	5.7	5.8
Cache	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.2
Rich	4.8	3.6	4.4	2.6
Wasatch Front	5.2	5.1	5.3	4.6
North	4.5	4.2	4.7	4.3
Davis	4.1	3.9	4.2	3.9
Morgan	4.2	3.6	4.3	4.1
Weber	5.1	4.6	5.4	4.8
South	5.6	5.5	5.5	4.7
Salt Lake	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.6
Tooele	8.4	8.4	8.8	7.8
Mountainland	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.2
Summit	7.4	7.5	7.8	6.1
Utah	4.9	4.8	4.9	4.0
Wasatch	6.8	6.2	6.5	4.8
Central	5.3	5.3	5.6	5.1
Juab	6.1	6.7	6.5	4.8
Millard	4.3	4.3	5.0	5.1
Piute	7.4	6.8	7.8	7.3
Sanpete	5.8	5.9	6.1	5.9
Sevier	4.7	4.3	4.9	4.3
Wayne	6.2	5.5	5.4	4.8
Southwestern	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.0
Beaver	3.6	3.5	4.2	4.5
Garfield	11.5	10.7	11.7	8.8
Iron	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.6
Kane	3.7	3.3	3.1	3.2
Washington	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.6
Uintah Basin	6.3	6.3	6.6	5.2
Daggett	4.2	3.3	3.8	4.2
Duchesne	7.0	7.1	7.1	6.3
Uintah	6.0	6.1	6.4	4.6
Southeastern	6.9	6.3	7.0	7.0
Carbon	5.5	5.0	6.6	5.3
Emery	9.3	8.2	8.3	9.1
Grand	6.7	6.3	6.0	6.7
San Juan	7.9	7.4	7.6	8.7
Salt Lake-Ogden MSA	5.2	5.1	5.2	4.5
United States	5.6	5.7	5.9	5.0

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